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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 22 remembers former First Lady of New Mexico Dee Johnson.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Former First Lady of New Mexico Dee Johnson died shortly before Christmas in 2006 at her Northern New Mexico home. While Dee Johnson was active and successful as a business owner, community volunteer and activist for worthy causes, before, during and after her tenure as first lady, her first priority was always the well-being and education of her children, Seah and Erik.

As First Lady of New Mexico, Dee Johnson preferred to work quietly outside the glare of the public spotlight, but nevertheless lent her name, prestige and energy to numerous causes, including the celebrity art auction to benefit the American Diabetes Association, construction of an adobe home for Habitat for Humanity with other first ladies from around the country, the eventual complete prohibition of smoking in the state capitol and statewide efforts to improve women's health.

Dee Johnson remained grounded and true to her roots as an ordinary New Mexican while always striving to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of her children, her husband, her neighbors and her fellow New Mexicans.

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New Mexico and its residents owe Dee Johnson a debt of gratitude for the everlasting mark she has left on the state. The Senate of the State of New Mexico requests that former First Lady of New Mexico Dee Johnson be remembered as an outstanding New Mexican and a wonderful mother.

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